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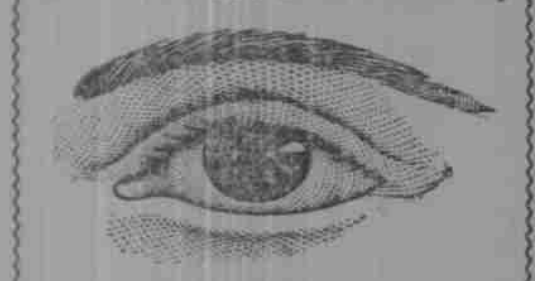
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OUR POOR PEOPLE.

Mr. Edward Wilder Advances Some Vigorous Ideas

AT THE LIBRARY HALL MEETING.

Called by the Associated Charities to Discuss What Shall be Done With the Poor Next Winter.

There was not a very large attendance at the meeting of the Associated Charities of the city at Library hall yesterday afternoon. It was representative, however. Among those present were Treasurer Edward Wilder of the Santa Fe, Eugene Ware and Mayor Harrison. Several ladies were also present.

In calling the meeting to order and touching upon its aims, the president, Rev. B. L. Smith said:

"We are here to discuss first, what shall be our source of income for the next year. Last year it came from donations publicly given at a meeting at Representative Hall, from private donations and from the proceeds of a public entertainment. This year it will be much harder to get aid for the poor from the public."

"Second, are we going to operate in harmony with the county commissioners and refuse aid to the chronic cases and thus force them to the poor house?"

"Third, can we not arrange a plan by which we can provide work for all at a low rate, and is it possible to provide work for the women at all?"

"There are to be more poor people in Topeka this year than will need our help than ever before, perhaps, and I think it will be much better for all concerned if the needy men can be given work at a low rate than if they were supplied them free. To do the latter would destroy their independence and pride."

"Let us first consider then what shall be our plan for raising money?"

There was no ready response and after a moment's silence Mr. Wilder said: "It seems to me a mistake to solicit money from the public. The poor are a direct temptation to unworthy people who would otherwise be well able to take care of themselves."

"Last year a great deal was given by a few persons and it is not fair to make the few do it all. The poor belong to all of us and the nearer we can force them on to the tax roll of the county the nearer right we shall be in the solution of the question. The best way is for the chronic cases to go to the poor farm where they can be taken care of. The closing of the relief depot is a move in that direction. We are a part of the county and it should see to our poor."

We must provide work for unskilled labor (skilled labor is able to take care of itself) at just enough to keep the members of that class from starving. I do not mean to grind anybody down, but it is the best method of getting them out of the class of dependents on charity. A man could ordinarily just keep from starving, if he hasn't too big a family, on fifty cents a day, I should think."

"The county has a rock quarry out at the fair grounds and the men could be employed there and the rock used on the roads. If we make each man do \$1.25 worth of work for fifty cents that allows us to keep two and one-half men from starving on the price of one man's hire. Men that are deserving would be glad to get the chance. If a man is able bodied and starving and would refuse the chance, I believe I would almost be in favor of letting him starve. We must do it that way to keep just as many men as possible. We cannot afford to give work to all at good wages."

"We could use the rock on the roads. The Burlington road needs it, the road east of the fair grounds needs it and so do several other roads that we all know about. It is not imperative perhaps, but it would be a good place to put the labor. I am for good roads."

"If the new bridge over the Kaw at Kansas avenue is built, it will furnish a further use for the stone. And in this connection let me say that it has been suggested that the bridge could be shortened materially by the removal of the island to this side. All this would give the idle men work in the future."

"I do not wish it understood that I desire to grind anybody down. I believe in labor getting good wages—the very best that can be paid—when there is a demand for it, but this is luxury work simply to keep men from starving till they can get something better to do. I wish the city improvement levy could be increased to help out on this."

"The work ought to be hard so it would not be tempting. I would not favor letting a man do just fifty cents worth of work a day because he is getting only fifty cents. I have very little use for the man that does not want to do more work than he is really paid for."

"I would suggest, then, that a committee be appointed to present a plan to the board of county commissioners and to the city council."

No one could think of a better idea than this, and the motion was formally made and carried. The president appointed Mr. Wilder, Mr. Ware and Rev. B. L. Smith as members of that committee. Mayor Harrison suggested that the city authorities ought not to be expected to take care of the poor as the cities of the first class were not given a bureau of that kind. He said that the city of Topeka paid seven-tenths of the tax that the poor of the city is supported on and the county ought to look after it. He had no objection though to seeing what could be done about increasing the improvement levy to give poor men employment through the winter. The legal aspects of the case will be looked at.

The chronic cases were not yet satisfactorily disposed of and the president suggested to the committee to further instruct to ask the county commissioners to send the chronics to the poor farm. Mr. Ware made the motion and it carried.

The ladies, who had taken no part in the discussion, were then informed by President Smith that they must get along with the cases they had on hand as best they could, for there was no money in the treasury and people don't give to charities readily in August. Mr. Harrison suggested that it might be a good time to collect winter clothes.

That broke up the meeting and it was adjourned.

There will be another meeting soon to hear from the committee, but the date has not been decided on.

J. O. Foreman is up from Burlington. J. H. Moss went to Sedalia today. He will return Saturday.

Topeka Drug Co. is ready for business.

SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

It's all over town—the dust. Topeka has a "Blossom House."

The water in the wells around the city is giving out.

A good many people in Topeka slept some last night.

The largest supply of water melons comes from Oklahoma.

A Santa Fe pile driver is being used in repairing the city dump.

Nine dogs on the west side have been poisoned this week, so far.

A man in town who is taking starch baths says they are invigorating.

A good street sprinkler is needed on every street in the city at present.

H. R. Hilton is still continuing his investigation of the moisture in the soil.

R. J. Sloat has concluded that Rex was not a very good name for a railroad anywhere.

Jackson's Military and Dispatch band gave a concert at Garfield park Thursday evening.

Some of the members of Battery "B" will camp at Lawrence during the Bismarck fair.

Out of seventy teachers who took the recent state examination only seven received certificates.

Old settlers in Kansas recognized the dump globules that fell a few mornings ago to be rain drops.

The local weather prophet who predicted a rain before the moon is full has gone to join Wiggins.

The kite flying craze among the little boys is subsiding. The telegraph wires have all they can bear.

The west side girl who had a different young man caller every evening for two weeks just past has none at all now.

The Santa Fe land department has been asked to make an investigation of the land subsiding method of farming.

There will be a meeting of the local A. R. U. Saturday evening to discuss matters in connection with the strike.

The Central National bank has purchased an installment of sewer district No. 10 bonds amounting to \$3,250.

City Attorney Tillotson went to Hutchinson today where he will respond to the toast "Sons and Daughters of Veterans."

Ralph Gaw, stenographer of the district court, will go to Colorado on a vacation this week, accompanied by Mrs. Gaw.

The Associated charities of the city receive applications for help that number an average daily of three. And this is summer.

Governor Lowelling has issued a proclamation for Labor day. Monday September 3rd is designated as the day to be observed.

The Indians of Haskell Institute are to have the use of 150 guns belonging to the state in their camp during the Douglas county fair.

The railroads have made a rate of one cent a mile for the national guard school of instruction which is to be opened at Lawrence, September 10.

A Topeka man who attended the Holton races says the dust is six inches deep on the kite shaped track except directly in front of the grand stand.

The First M. E. church will be ready for occupancy again by September 1st and the Sunday school will celebrate the event by giving a concert.

The interest of the state school fund which is now being divided amounts to \$2,639.43. The semi-annual dividend usually amounts to about \$250,000.

Dr. D. D. Wilson of Northville has been chosen a member of the faculty of the Kansas Medical college. He is named as a lecturer on orthopedic surgery.

Judge W. C. Webb wants the state board of charities to ask the legislature to purchase the Hale and Harvey tracts consisting of 137 acres of ground adjoining the asylum.

NORTH TOPEKA.

Items of Interest from the North Side of the Kaw.

Walter Crawford went up to Holton today to attend the races.

Mrs. Dr. Ryder has returned from a visit to her parents at Atchison.

Mrs. James Stoker of Quincy, Ohio, is the guest of the family of A. J. Berry.

Malcolm James, son of T. M. James, is suffering from an attack of malarial fever.

A pleasant lawn social was given at the home of George Stoker last evening by the Knights and Ladies of Security.

There is a man in the west part of the ward who has a small boy stand by and fan him every evening while he reads the STATE JOURNAL.

The old cottonwood tree which stood in the middle of the sidewalk near A. J. Proud's residence has been removed by the men engaged in laying new walks.

W. H. Troutman, father of the Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, was married yesterday to Mrs. McCarter, mother of Ben McCarter, the fireman who was killed in an accident some time ago.

Go to Will Griffith's for the best tin, galvanized iron and pump work.

Monarch gasoline stoves at Henry's.

Go to Henry's for roofing and spouting.

A full length extension top survey for \$100, at Luxens Bros., North Topeka.

"Our New Delight" and all Dangler stoves at H. M. Cline's.

WHAT BECAME OF IT?

An Ordinance Suppressing the Topeka Policy Shops

PREPARED BY THE CITY ATTORNEY.

But It Appears to Have Been Lost Sight Of, Somewhere.

"I have been expecting the papers to report us because of the existence of these policy shops," said Captain Gish of the police force to a JOURNAL reporter. "I am surprised that it has not been done, but their existence can not be blamed to us because we can't help it. There is no ordinance that reaches them and I have repeatedly asked the city attorney to draw up an ordinance through which we can close up these places but he has not yet done it."

City Attorney Tillotson when asked whether Captain Gish had approached him on the subject of a policy shop ordinance, said that he had. "I did draw up an ordinance," he said, "to reach the policy shops and it is my recollection that it was introduced at a meeting of the council and referred to some committee, but which committee I do not remember."

Clerk McFadden said he did not remember of such an ordinance ever having been introduced and there is no record of its ever being before the council.

Councilman Bradford said: "If there is any way to reach these lotteries and policy shops I am in favor of it. I understand that there is a place in this city where lottery tickets are sold as well as a place where a policy game is played. I am in favor of taking some measure which will effectually close all such places. They are a bad thing because they take money from the very people who are least able to spare it. I do not think an ordinance is ever introduced, but there was some talk about the policy shops when the slot machine ordinance was adopted, but it is my recollection that nothing was ever done."

There is a policy shop on East Fifth street which does a big business and where drawings take place every day at noon. The winning numbers are placed conspicuously on a blackboard, where they can be seen from the street. Its existence is no secret and it is patronized by all classes.

The business has reached a stage when solicitors are sent out to secure business and many a business man on the avenue has been tempted to try a hand at the well known game of policy. A JOURNAL reporter was in a leading drugstore a short time ago when a policy agent came in and approached the proprietor and tried to induce him to try his luck in the drawings. He made no pretense of keeping his business a secret.

The city attorney says that if the ordinance drawn up has been lost another will be submitted to the council which will put the police in a position where they can clean out the policy shops if an ordinance is all they need.

A LEGAL QUESTION.

Whether the Coal Mine Fund Can Be Used On the Side of the City.

The ways and means committee of the council have not yet had a meeting to consider the question of expending the balance of money in the coal mine fund.

There are some legal points involved in the case which must be settled before the committee acts, and the city attorney and Councilman Bradford are now making an investigation as to whether the council can expend the money to prospect for coal on side of the city limits.

Councilman Fellows, who is chairman of the committee, said today: "If we can expend the money in the fund to prospect for coal outside of the city I am in favor of using it that way, but we can not tell until we hear from Mr. Bradford and the city attorney. I think it would be useless to do any work inside the city."

THE NEW SIDEWALKS.

They Are Being Put Down at the Rate of a Block a Day.

John Ritchie, the sidewalk contractor, now has six gangs of men at work laying walks. They now put down more than one block a day, and five blocks of new walks are now ready to be used.

Mr. Ritchie employs eighteen men, and ten more with teams are hauling brick. The men are working today at the following places: The southwest corner of Twelfth and Polk streets; at the southeast corner of Eleventh and Polk; on Polk between Eleventh and Fifteenth streets; in North Topeka on Harrison street; between Third and Fourth on Chandler street; on Lake street between Third and Fourth streets.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Items of Interest About Topeka's People.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Elroy Manning entertained a company of friends in honor of his twentieth birthday. An impromptu programme met with general approval and after an address by the host, Miss Kate McKernan and Irene Wells rendered several selections on the piano. Various other kinds were a source of considerable amusement, and lunch was served late in the evening.

The invited guests were Misses Ivy Mosby, Edith Powers, Irene Wells, Kate McKernan, Louise Manning, Lulu Vassar, Mabel Bicknell, Elsie Vassar, Alice and Carrie Jordan; Messrs. William Wright, Thos. McKernan, Alva Courtney, Levi Ewon, Wm. Hooker, Arthur Vassar, Irwin Powers, Tom Short, Will Mosby and Andrew Duncan.

One of the pleasantest of the many affairs given for the Olathe young ladies, Misses Edna Livermore, Edie Black and Grace Pettijohn, was the electric car ride which came off last evening. Mrs. Howell Jones chaperoned the party, which included Misses Mabel Martin, Edith Isbell, Annie and Harriet Jones, Vera Low, Pearl Jones, and Messrs. Harry Hazlett, Eliot Wemple, Fred McGiffen, Ernest Medcott, Frank Whitner, Will Thrapp, Luther Nelson, George Heman, and Fred Merwin.

A BIRTHDAY PICNIC.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dietrich chaperoned the following party which enjoyed a moonlight picnic at Martin's Hill last evening: Misses Edna Lakin, Arlie Ewart, Abbie Ware, Julia Street, Franc Littlefield, Florence Greer, and Messrs. W. N. West, El Street, Fred Kingsley, John Waters, Lindsay Pegues and Eugene Yates.

Dr. Guilber left today for Colorado. His family and J. E. H. McKibben and family will join him Saturday and will camp about forty miles from Newcastle.

Mrs. C. D. Welsh will entertain a few friends this evening for Miss Laura Buckner, of Baldwin.

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Miss Nellie Cartledge gave a "paper doll" party Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur McCabe left yesterday for a visit with friends in Colorado.

Miss Lottie Broberg of McPherson, is visiting Mrs. E. B. Barnett.

A. Larson, of the Santa Fe freight auditor's department, is in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Van Hook have returned from Colorado.

Mrs. J. C. Miller has gone to Chicago.

Mr. C. Wasson returned today from a trip to Point Comfort and New York.

Mrs. M. J. Hamilton has gone to Brookville, Kas., for a short visit.

Mrs. Wm. Smith, of 119 North Kline street, has returned from a two month's visit to her old home in Searsport, Maine.

At the Scott, of the Santa Fe law department, is in Colorado with his family.

J. A. Jillich and L. B. Gay of the Santa Fe offices are spending their vacation in Colorado.

J. M. Miller of the Santa Fe general offices is in New Mexico.

Miss Edna Stenlund of Santa Fe telegraph department is visiting in Iowa.

Fred Benz formerly of the Santa Fe offices here but now of Wichita is in the city with his wife visiting.

Clarence Wells of British Columbia is visiting in Topeka. He was once the man that signed the passes at the Santa Fe general offices.

Elmer L. Wemple of the Santa Fe general freight office has resigned his position and will go to the city of Mexico in search of his health.

Bowers—Munson.

Last evening, at the bride's home in Auburn, Ia., Mrs. Josephine Munson and Mr. Geo. H. Bowers were united in marriage by Rev. Mr. Smith of the Christian church. Only the relatives and intimate friends witnessed the ceremony, which was performed in the first parlor, the group standing before a bank of palms and art flowers.

The bride wore a gown of cream wool with ruffles of lace and carried a handsome pair of lace fan, a wedding present, which took first premium at the World's fair.

An elegant wedding supper was served and Mr. and Mrs. Bowers will be at home after September 1, at 403 Polk street.

Informal Dancing Party.

An informal dancing party at Vinewood, Monday evening, included the following young people: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bird, Misses Minnie Marsh, Anna Banks, Willie Tomlinson, Edith Davis, Mary Barkley, Lucy Hale, Daisy Sampson, Effie Luder of Clay Center, and Messrs. W. Bowen, Julius Welding, George Hale, James Darrell, and Will Hancock of Lawrence, Chas. Welsh and Orin McGill.

Miss Hattie Boyd's Party.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the week was a party given by Miss Hattie Boyd to her deaf-mute friends, at her home, 1827 Van Buren street. The evening was spent playing games, and at 10 o'clock a most inviting lunch was served. Those present were Misses Sarah Hargraves, Orrell Altman, Beatie Hatch, Hattie Boyd, Messrs. Fred Gibson, Elmer Burson, Oscar Rader, Frank Burson, Albert Oliver, Jos. Mosnat and Isaac Jones.

About thirty of the young people of the Third Presbyterian church met at the home of Mrs. A. F. Barry at Vinewood yesterday evening in response to an invitation by that lady, and spent the evening in a most pleasant way. The party was complimentary to Mrs. Parrish of Helena, Montana, and the hostess left nothing unprovided to make the evening's enjoyment complete.

General Social Notes.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hibben, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fellows and Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. MacLennan left today for a week's visit at Les Cheneaux Islands, Michigan.

Allen Boyle is expected home Sunday from a trip to Utah, Oklahoma and Denver.

Miss Ella Husted has gone to Wamego